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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ryuichi EBINUMA et al.) Examiner: H. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/817,018) Group Art Unit: 2851
Filed: March 27, 2001)
For: SUPPORTING STRUCTURE OF OPTICAL) May 8, 2003
ELEMENT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS)
HAVING THE SAME, AND MANUFACTURING)
METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 21, 2001, and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 24, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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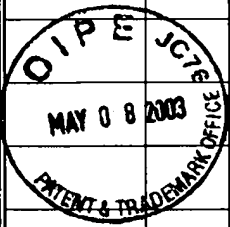
Respectfully submitted,

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